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THE NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE of OPTOMETRY

Commencement Exercises **2007**



"113 Years of Excellence in Optometric Education"

Sunday, the Third of June
Two Thousand Seven
Boston Marriott Copley Place
Boston, Massachusetts



*The New England College of Optometry
joins our graduates in thanking
their families and friends
for their unwavering support and encouragement.*



Commencement Program

Processional

Marshall

Daniel Kurtz, OD

Welcome

Elizabeth Chen, *President*

Francis L. DiMella, AIA, *Chairman, Board of Trustees,
The New England College of Optometry*

James Hooley, MSW, *Chairman, Board of Directors,
New England Eye Institute, Inc.*

Philip Sutherland, OD, *President, Alumni Association*

Conferral of Honorary Degree

Irving Fradkin, OD, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

Comments

Valedictory Address

Bryan Daniel Murphy, *Class of 2007*

Presentation of Candidates for Master of Science in Vision Science Degrees

Steven Koevary, PhD, *Interim Vice President & Dean of Academic Affairs*

Hooding the Candidates:

David Troilo, PhD, *Director of Graduate Studies*

Presentation of Candidates for Doctor of Optometry Degrees

Steven Koevary, PhD, *Interim Vice President & Dean of Academic Affairs*

Hooding the Candidates:

Barry Barresi, OD, PhD, *President, New England Eye Institute, Inc.*

David Troilo, PhD, *Faculty Chair*

Conferral of Degrees

Elizabeth Chen, *President*

Pledge

President Chen leads the graduates in the Optometric Oath

Recessional

Reception immediately following the ceremony

Doctor of Optometry Degree Recipients

Suraj Sadeghi Afshar
Yasmin Ahmed
Ruth Alerte
Henna Asghar +
Mitzy M. Attokaren
Sylvester Amiolemen Ayewoh +
Stephanie Alissa Battista
James R. Belanger
Grace Kim Bernardez-Fu
Sheetal Bhaga
Shailinder Singh Bhullar

Julie Ann Blacksmith
Clark C. Bowden
Nathan Thomas Brady
Sonnie Alana Bryant
Kelly J. Bush
Candice Christina Cain
Courtney Lynn Case
Elizabeth Y. Cheng
Qiaomei Cheng *
Sivan Andrew Chong
Sarah Anne Ciampa
Ross Ira Clair
Jaime Brooke Cohen
Justin Michael Cole
Brad Thomas Cunningham
Rebecca Marie Dreibelbis
Rambod A. Esfandiari
Jessica Frances Fiechl
Sarah Jayne Gladstone
Erin Leigh Goga
Praveena Kumari Gupta *
Chrystie Tamara Haynes
Sarah Alma Hetu
Michael W. Hill
Liang Hu *#
Helen Huang
Ali Hussen
Mila Ioussifova
Robert Paul Jordan
Xenya Eve Kocylowsky
Thuyanh Le #
Jenée Suzanne Lee
John Young Lee
Martin Manting Lee * #
Stephanie Lee
Lucienne Leroy

Lowell, MA
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Jersey City, New Jersey
Derby, England
Roswell, GA
Austell, GA
Brookline, MA
Portsmouth, NH
Seattle, WA
El Paso, TX
New Westminster, British Columbia,
Canada
Hazen, ND
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Canada
Mooresville, NC
Traverse City, MI
Yadkinville, NC
Oldsmar, FL
Newton, MA
West Roxbury, MA
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Winthrop, MA
Oriskany Falls, NY
Franklin, MI
Dunkirk, NY
Gilbertsville, PA
Williston, VT
San Diego, CA
Lexington, TN
Bangor, ME
Wausau, Wisconsin
Garland, TX
Queens, NY
Cumberland, RI
Harwich, MA
Wenzhou, Zhejiang, China
Walnut, CA
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Eugene, OR
Norwood, MA
Alpine, NJ
Newton, MA
Stockton, CA
Tacoma, WA
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Suisun City, CA
Brooklyn, NY

Effie Lilas
Tiffany Yi-Tin Lu
Ronnie Ching Hei Mak
Tammy Theresa Mann
Regan Sarah Marquis
Maria Briceno Martin
Dimitri A. Matveev
Eugene Matveev
Macey Erin M^cAleer
James Richard Mertz, Jr. *
Jennifer Miranda Moncada
Yun-Ping Moore
Bryan Daniel Murphy
Lisa M. Murray
Farah Nasser
Tam Nguyen
Thuy-Hien Thi Nguyen
Ioanis Vasilios Panagiotopoulos
Ami Lalit Patel
Keyur Patel +
Ritesh B. Patel
Vaihari Patel
Kristine Thuy-Linh Pham
Maria Beatrice Pitcher
Emily C. Pridgen
Kristin Ann Protosow
Jeremy Earl Prudhomme
Nicole Stacey Ptashkin
Ginger Colleen Purpura
Aruna S. Rajagopalan + #
Tapasya Ranjan
Ayana Crushawn Robateau
Alex Oleg Russakovsky
Susan Elizabeth Rzepka
Maria P. Sampalis
Mary Lynn Schettini
Stephanie Ann Schultz
Ryan Patrick Shea
Kara B. Silverberg
Mahmood A. Sindhu *
Sarah Ann Singleton
Natalie Justina Skokandic
Justin Bradley Smith
Sidet Sou
Kristin Marie Stanley
Jennifer Lynn Stewart
Sonia Tan
Danette Clare Paula Thomas
Zoya Tolchin
Evan Ei-Cheng Tong
Nhuan Quang Tran
Nhan Hanh Truong
Lana G-Svetlana Tsesler

Homer Glen, IL
San Jose, CA
Marietta, GA
Palos Park, IL
Millinocket, ME
Miami Lakes, FL
Springfield, MA
St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada
Garner, NC
Plymouth, MA
Miami, FL
Boston, MA
Duxbury, MA
Falmouth, MA
Nairobi, Kenya
Quincy, MA
Quincy, MA
Lowell, MA
Ormond Beach, FL
London, UK
Marietta, OH
Brighton, MA
San Diego, CA
San Mateo, CA
Raleigh, NC
Mt. Sinai, NY
Boston, MA
Cherry Hill, NJ
Lynn, MA
Palatine, IL
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Columbus, GA
West Roxbury, MA
Whitesboro, NY
Cranston, RI
Katonah, NY
Coventry, RI
Edgartown, MA
Bethany, CT
Jersey City, NJ
Encino, CA
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
Gloucester, MA
Jacksonville, FL
Franklin Square, NY
Newburgh, NY
San Jose, CA
Boston, MA
Stoughton, MA
Sharon, MA
Garland, TX
Dallas, TX
Newton, MA

Joel Robert Tuite
Angela An-Chi Tzyy
Maria Fernanda Varela
Lorin Eames Vogel
Karen Lee Wadhams
Salina Wazir
Jana Wegrzyn
Molly E. Wood
Xiaomin Wu * #
Lijing Yao *
Garnet M. Yokoi
Sung Mi Yom
Kimberly Allison Zimmerman

Littleton, NH
Sunnyvale, CA
Deer Park, NY
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Oxnard, CA
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Plant City, FL

* Accelerated Optometric Degree Program

+ Advanced Standing International Program

Degree to be conferred in September or December

Master of Science in Vision Science Degree Recipients

Stephanie Alissa Battista
Tam Nguyen

Brookline, MA
Quincy, MA

Bachelor of Science Degree Recipients

Lauren Beth Kain
Suraj Sharma

Cheshire, CT
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

The information in this program should not be considered as verification that a degree was received. All inquiries should be directed to the Registrar's Office

2007 Honorary Degree Recipient

Irving A. Fradkin, OD
Doctor of Humane Letters

Dr. Fradkin, a Fall River, Mass. Optometrist, is a NECO graduate, class of 1943. He is founder of the 50-year-old Scholarship America Program, including Dollars for Scholars, which has raised and awarded over \$1.5 billion to 1.5 million students nationally over the course of its history. One of the first checks came from Eleanor Roosevelt. Dr. Fradkin has pursued a dream of giving America's youth the opportunity for post secondary education by reducing dropout rates, prison populations, drug abuse and crime by building a better America, one community at a time. Dr. Fradkin embodies our commitment to education, patient care, and community service for the under-served.

Aristotle once said, "All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth."



Candidates for Residency Certification

Cornea and Contact Lenses

Navpreet Johar, OD
Andrew McLeod, OD, MS

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Community Health Optometry

Onah Cho, OD
Komal Thakore, OD

Dimock Community Health Center
Dorchester House Multi-Service Center

Ocular Disease

Scott Huffer, OD
Brian Wolff, OD

Manchester VA Medical Center
Ophthalmic Consultants of Boston

Pediatric Optometry

Jennifer Hartzell, OD
Catherine Johnson, OD

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Primary Eye Care

Francisco Dozon, OD
Lauren Guzik, OD
Julie Sheen, OD

VA Vermont-White River Junction campus
VA Connecticut - Newington campus
VA Connecticut - Newington campus

Primary Eye Care - Geriatric Optometry

Dorothy Wang, OD

Bedford VA Medical Center

Primary Eye Care – Ocular Disease

Megan Cope, OD
Randy Gunia, OD

VA Boston-Brockton campus
VA Boston-Jamaica Plain campus

Kristen Lamoreau, OD
Autumn Jackson, OD
Deborah Lee, OD
Elizabeth Martin, OD
Nicole Rabideau, OD
Elizabeth Skeya, OD
Karen Summers, OD

VA Boston-West Roxbury campus
VA Boston- Brockton campus
VA Boston Brockton/Worcester campuses
VA Boston-Jamaica Plain campus
VA Boston- Brockton campus
VA Boston- Jamaica Plain campus
VA Boston- West Roxbury campus

Primary Eye Care - Low Vision Rehabilitation

Jazmin Logendra, OD
Jerome Radliff, OD
Heidi Wilgenburg, OD

VA Connecticut - West Haven campus
VA Connecticut - West Haven campus
VA Connecticut - West Haven campus

Personal Achievement Awards

F. Dow Smith Award	<i>Justin Bradley Smith</i>
Dr. Hyman R. Kamens Award	<i>Sarah Alma Hetu</i>
National Optometric Student Association Award	<i>Danette Clare Paula Thomas</i>
Dr. Edward Joseph Troendle, Jr. Award	<i>Ritesh B. Patel</i>
Alumni Association Award	<i>Garnet M. Yokoi</i>

Academic Awards

Valedictory and Beta Sigma Kappa Silver Medal	<i>Bryan Daniel Murphy</i>
Salutatory	<i>Emily C. Pridgen</i>
Advanced Standing International Program Scholastic Achievement Award	<i>Henna Asghar</i>
William R. Baldwin Scholastic Achievement Award	<i>Mahmood A. Sindhu</i>



Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Society

Henna Asghar
Julie Ann Blacksmith *
Nathan Thomas Brady *
Sonnie Alana Bryant *
Courtney Lynn Case *
Rebecca Marie Dreibelbis *
Jessica Fiechtel *
Sarah Jayne Gladstone
Praveena Kumari Gupta
Sarah Alma Hetu
Michael W. Hill
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John Young Lee *
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Regan Sarah Marquis *
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Kristen Marie Stanley
Jennifer Lynn Stewart *
Nhan Hanh Truong
Joel Robert Tuite
Garnet M. Yokoi
Sung Mi Yom *

**Four-Year Participation*

Clinical Awards

Alcon Award	<i>Molly E. Wood</i>
Asarkof Scholarship	<i>Mila Ioussifova</i>
ASCO Clinical Ethics Award	<i>Sarah Alma Hetu</i>
William C. Barrett Memorial Scholarship	<i>Julie Ann Blacksmith</i>
Class of 1969 Scholarship	<i>Justin Michael Cole</i>
Eschenbach Award for Excellence in Low Vision	<i>Ami Lalit Patel</i>
William Feinbloom Low Vision Award	<i>Keyur Patel</i>
David J. Kerko Low Vision Award	<i>Ioanis Vasilios Panagiotopoulos</i>
Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award	<i>Suraj Sadeghi Afshar</i>
The New England College of Optometry Clinic Award	<i>Julie Ann Blacksmith</i>
RGP Lens Institute Award	<i>Clark C. Bowden</i>
Ira Schwartz Behavioral Vision Award	<i>Maria Fernanda Varela</i>
Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lenses	<i>Jennifer Lynn Stewart</i>
Vision Service Plan Award	<i>Jennifer Lynn Stewart Julie Ann Blacksmith</i>

Faculty Awards

Foster Namias Award

Erik Weissberg, O.D.

Carroll Martus Award

Shital Mani, O.D.



*The New England College of Optometry welcomes
the following returning 50th reunion alumni:*

*Martin Baer, OD
Howard M. Coleman, OD
Lynde H. Kimball, OD
James R. Prince, OD, FAAO
Robert M. Shulman, OD*

Academic Heraldry

The caps, gowns and hoods worn at College functions have their origins in the robes worn by monks and students in the middle ages to keep out the cold and damp. Today, the academic regalia have been standardized by tradition and agreement among institutions of higher learning.

The gowns for bachelor degrees have long, pointed sleeves and are worn closed. Masters degree holders wear gowns with oblong sleeves open at the wrist. The gown may be worn open or closed. Gowns for the doctoral degree carry long velvet panels down the front and have three velvet bars on the full sleeves. The velvet may be black or of a color distinctive to the field of study for which the degree is given. Gowns are usually black, but a few institutions now prescribe colors representative of the school.

Caps, also called mortarboards, may be of cloth or, for the doctoral outfit, velvet. The tassel is black or of a color appropriate to the field of study. Doctoral tassels may be gold.

The colors on the hoods provide the institutional identity and signify the field of study. The style of the hood is specific to the degree level, with doctoral hoods being larger, with wider velvet borders, and with a panel at the back. The silk lining of the hood is in the institutional colors and the velvet borders signify the field of the degree. Commonly seen colors are:

Arts, letters, humanities:	white
Architecture:	brown
Dentistry:	lilac
Education:	light blue
Law:	purple
Library science:	lemon yellow
Medicine:	green
Optometry:	seafoam green
Philosophy:	dark blue
Public Administration:	peacock blue
Public Health:	salmon pink

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The Optometric Oath*

With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standard, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.

**Adopted by the American Optometric Association and by
the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry*

